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SUBJECT: OAS BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR CITEL

SECRETARIA DE ESTADO DE COMUNICACIONES, BUENOS AIRES, FOR
MR. CARLOS MAYER. MINISTERIO DAS COMUNICACOES, BRASILIA,
FOR MR. ROMULO VILLAR FURTADO. INSTITUTO COSTARRICENSE DE
ELECTRICIDAD, SAN JOSE, FOR MR. FELIPE HERRERO LARA.
DIRECCION GENERAL DE TELECOMUNICACIONES, MEXICO CITY, FOR
MR. CARLOS NUNEZ ARELLANO. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TELEPHONE
COMPANY LIMITED, PORT OF SPAIN, FOR MR. DEORAJ RAMNARINE.
MINISTERIO DE COMUNICACIONES, CARACAS, FOR MR. CARLOS
JULIO MARTINEZ. INFORMATION COPY TO CABLE AND WIRELESS
(WEST INDIES) LTD., BRIDGETOWN, FOR MR. C. L. PAUL
CARRINGTON.

1. YOU WILL RECALL OUR DISCUSSIONS, AT THE SECOND INTER-
AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (2ND CITEL), RIO DE
JANEIRO, NOVEMBER 1975, CONCERNING THE UNSATISFACTORY LEVEL
OF SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
TO THE CITEL PERMANENT SECRETARIAT.

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2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE CEP/CIES (PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL) IS PRES-

ENTLY CONSIDERING THE LEVEL OF BUDGETARY SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED TO CITEL, AND THAT YOUR COUNTRY IS PARTICIPATING IN THE WORK OF THIS SUBCOMMITTEE.

3. MY PURPOSE IN SENDING YOU THIS MESSAGE IS TO INVITE YOU TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTING YOUR GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES TO ENDORSE INCREASED BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR CITEL, IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND AT SUBSEQUENT STEPS IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS. I AM APPROACHING THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. AS WE DISCUSSED IN RIO, CITEL CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO OPERATE SATISFACTORILY ON THE INADEQUATE BUDGET IT PRESENTLY RECEIVES. ENDORSEMENT OF ADEQUATE SUPPORT FOR CITEL ACTIVITIES SEEMS ESSENTIAL AT THIS CRUCIAL POINT IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS.

5. I AM SENDING AN INFORMATION COPY OF THIS MESSAGE TO MR. C. L. PAUL CARRINGTON OF BARBADOS, BECAUSE BARBADOS IS CHAIRING THE MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM AND BUDGET.

WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS, JOHN J. O'NEILL, JR., OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE. INGERSOLL

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